

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 578

By Kurita

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Ethel M. Smith of  
Cheatham County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Ethel M. Smith; and

WHEREAS, Ethel M. Smith was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a native of Brawley, California, Ethel Smith moved to Nashville with her family at an early age. She was one of the founding members of the Tennessee Art League (TAL) in 1954 and served as President from 1967 to 1969 and as Treasurer for a number of years. A gallery in the 808 Broadway location of TAL is named in her honor; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Smith was well known for her pastel paintings, one of which remains in the permanent collection at the Tennessee All-State; and

WHEREAS, Ethel Smith served with acumen and alacrity as a computer programmer with Washington Manufacturing Company for a number of years; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Smith earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Tennessee after her retirement from Washington Manufacturing Company; she further studied art with Juanita Greene Williams Parks, Morgan Stinemetz, Gus Baker, and John Kiser; and

WHEREAS, Ethel M. Smith was also deeply devoted to her family and friends, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Smith is survived by three nieces and nephews: Wayne Singleton, Gil Smith, Stephen Casper, Paula Mayes, Phyllis Smith, and Marsha Richeson, her fellow artist and devoted friend Robert Vantrease, and her long-time, caring friend Linda McClendon; and

WHEREAS, Ethel M. Smith leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Ethel M. Smith, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family and friends of Ms. Smith.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.